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United Nations Population Fund

A.

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, reaffirmed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986, and taking into account the views expressed at the thirty-ninth session (1992) of the Governing Council during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, consistent with basic human rights and with the responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1991 (DP/1992/24, parts I, II and III);

2. Expresses concern over the currently projected level of increase in voluntary conntributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1992, especially in view of the urgency of addressing population issues in the 1990s, which will see the largest increase in the population in the developing countries of any decade in history;

3. Encourages all countries to initiate, increase or resume, as appropriate, contributions in 1992 and future years and to make their payments as early possible in the year for which the pledge is made;

4. Takes note of the Executive Director's periodic report on the evaluation activities of the United Nations Population Fund (DP/1992/25); welcomes the efforts of the Fund to ensure that evaluation is an integral component of all phases of the programming process and that evaluation results are fed directly into programme formulation; further welcomes the expanded use of the programme review and strategy development (PRSD) exercise as a useful mechanism to evaluate the impact of ongoing programmes, help countries develop a coherent strategic framework for their national population programmes and assist donors in coordinating future programme inputs; endorses the proposed evaluation activities put forth in the report and encourages the United Nations Population Fund to place greater emphasis on evaluation of information, education and communication activities;

5. Also takes note of the joint report on collaborative activities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund (DP/1992/28); acknowledges that such collaborative activities can help ensure a coherent response to national plans and priorities and enhance a Government's ability to achieve its development priorities; and welcomes the efforts of both organizations to expand and strengthen collaborative activities, in particular those outlined in the section of the report on future actions, and to make such collaboration an integral and systematic part of each organization's activities in all countries; and requests UNFPA to include a status report on these activities in the Executive Director's Annual Report to the Council;

6. Looks forward to a similar report on collaborative activities of UNFPA with the World Bank and regional development banks, which is to be submitted to the Council at its fortieth session (1993) in accordance with decision 91/35 A, paragraph 17, of 25 June 1991;

7. Takes note of the United Nations Population Fund's continuing commitment to the promotion of national execution and of its actions to strengthen and accelerate the process of national execution and of the proposed national execution policy guidelines for future country programmes and projects assisted by the United Nations Population Fund, as contained in document DP/1992/29;

8. Notes with satisfaction the overall theme and objectives of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93 of 26 July 1991; also notes with satisfaction the ongoing plans and preparations for the Conference, including in particular those at the national level in setting up national committees with a broad representation of groups and individuals; and further encourages all interested parties to provide

voluntary contributions to help cover the costs of the Conference and its preparatory process;

9. Takes note of the medium-term operational strategy of the United Nations Population Fund as contained in document DP/1992/31; recognizes that the outcome and follow-up of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development will have implications for the Fund's operational, financial and programme requirements; and recommends that the Executive Director follow the spirit of the medium-term operational strategy in UNFPA's ongoing efforts to assist developing countries in meeting their changing and growing population programming and programme support needs;

10. Notes the progress being made by the United Nations Population Fund in implementing the successor support cost arrangements approved by the Governing Council in decision 91/37 of 25 June 1991, in particular the location of the technical support teams and the consultations with the United Nations regarding the detailed preparations for its prompt and full participation in the arrangements;

11. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to strengthen its activities in the field of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) protection and control in the context of its support for maternal and child health and family planning (MCH/FP) programmes and under the global leadership of the World Health Organization; and urges the United Nations Population Fund to coordinate its activities in this area closely with those of other multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental organizations;

12. Welcomes the close and constructive cooperation of the United Nations Population Fund with the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; emphasizes the strong and increasingly clear linkages between population variables, poverty, the environment and development; further welcomes the Fund's commitment to work closely with countries and with all other concerned parties in ensuring that these linkages are effectively addressed; and to that end urges all concerned parties to take population concerns fully into account in the deliberations, recommendations and follow up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

13. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's 1992 State of World Population report entitled "A World in Balance", which calls for immediate and determined action to balance population, consumption and development patterns; agrees with the report that a strategy of human-centred development (i.e., development focused on improving education, health, the status of women, and access to family planning) is at the core of policies leading to sustainable, balanced development; and further agrees with the report that population is an essential component of such a strategy and thus it should be integrated into research, policy and programmes at every level;

14. Calls on the United Nations Population Fund to continue to increase awareness through its public information activities in both developed and developing countries on issues relating to population and development, and in particular on the importance of social development as a priority in programmes of international assistance;

15. Notes the participation of the United Nations Population Fund in the collaborative missions of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization to countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States in February 1992; expresses concern at the unavailability of modern, safe, and reliable contraceptives and of adequate family planning services and information and communication materials in those states; and notes with favour the Fund's expressed willingness if specially earmarked additional funds are made available to it to assist these states upon request to obtain the technical assistance and commodity assistance required to develop effective population and family planning programmes.

B.

The Governing Council,

Having considered the work plan for 1993-1996 and request for programme expenditure authority (DP/1992/26) and the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved country programmes and projects (DP/1992/27),

1. Endorses the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals set out in paragraphs 10-31 of document DP/1992/26;

2. Approves the request for the new programme expenditure authority in the amount of $188.1 million for 1993;

3. Endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources for the 1994-1996 period: $207.4 million for 1994; $225 million for 1995; and $244.4 million for 1996.

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